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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FSO'S TO CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED LEBANON

1. HOUGHTON-MACK PARTY HAS NOT YET FINALLY DECIDED WHETHER TO BRING IN TO JOUNIEH THE SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS GEAR. IT IS POSSIBLE THEY WILL BRING IN THE GEAR BUT WITHOUT RPT WITHOUT THE RATHER SIZEABLE DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA THE ANTENNA MIGHT EXCITE THE ATTENTION OF THE AUTHORITIES AT JOUNIEH SCREENING ARRIVING PASSENGERS. ALTERNATIVELY, THEY MAY NOT BRING IN THE GEAR UNTIL HOUGHTON RETURNS TO JOUNIEH FOR THE SECOND STAGE OF THIS VISIT.

2. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY BEIRUT SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED IF HOUGHTON-MACK PARTY FAILS TO MAKE CONTACT IN SCHEDULED HOURS, SINCE ANTENNA WITH THE GEAR MAY NOT DO THE JOB. KISSINGER

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